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David Biderman
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Dear Mr. Biderman,

I write to you on behalf of all Marylanders to thank the Solid Waste Association of North America and our nation's waste management professionals for their tireless efforts throughout the ongoing public health crisis.

Solid waste management and recycling have remained essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic, and your industry has continued to diligently serve communities here in Maryland and across the continent. Dedicated waste collectors, recyclers, drivers, engineers, technicians, and other professionals have reported to work each and every day to ensure our neighborhoods remain safe and healthy, even as new safer-at-home policies have created additional stress on waste management systems. We thank them for their service during this time of great need.

I would also like to recognize the Solid Waste Association of North America for advocating on behalf of your industry and providing critical information and resources to workers, lawmakers, and the media regarding the impact of COVID-19 on waste management and recycling.

Our frontline workers continue to make incredible sacrifices, and the way we go about our lives will be significantly different for a little while longer. But as we look back on this moment in our history, I know that we will remember one another's courage and compassion in the face of unprecedented challenges. Together we are going to defeat this deadly virus, and together we will return stronger and better than ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan
Governor